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ON JUNE 15, DEPARTMENT DELIVERED TO SOMALI EMBASSY DIPLO-
MATIC NOTE CONVEYING FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO SIAD BARRE MESSAGE OF MAY 31 (REFTEL):

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE
CONVEYED BY YOUR AMBASSADOR ON MAY 31 REGARDING YOUR
COUNTRY'S REQUEST FOR ARMS IN LIGHT OF THE SOVIET THREAT
TO COUNTRIES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. AS YOU KNOW, SOVIET
ACTIVITY IN AFRICA HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF CONCERN TO ME AND
WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING THE RECENT NATO
MEETING HERE IN WASHINGTON. MY NATO COLLEAGUES AND I SHARE
THE VIEW THAT SUFFICIENT DEFENSIVE STRENGTH MUST BE MAIN-
TAINED TO COPE WITH SPECIFIC MILITARY THREATS; WE ALSO
BELIEVE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE BAR TO OUTSIDE INTERVENTION
IS THE REMOVAL OF THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT THROUGH THE
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NEGOTIATION OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES.

AS TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
SOMALIA, I BELIEVE THIS CAN BEST BE ADDRESSED IN DETAIL IN
THE CONTEXT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ALREADY UNDERWAY BETWEEN
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. JIMMY CARTER.
UNQUOTE. NEWSOM

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